

CAPSULE SUMMARY
BA-2358
Zink House
211 Woodbrook Lane
Baltimore, Baltimore County
Ca. 1924
Private

The Zink House was constructed circa 1924 to the southeast of Ruxton and Lake Roland in the Ninth District of Baltimore County. The Colonial Revival-style dwelling was constructed following the establishment of Ruxton as a resort community. The town first received its name in 1885 when the Northern Central Railroad constructed a passenger station along Bellona Avenue. By the 1890s, real estate developers planned to develop the area as a summer resort community. In 1892, Wood, Harmon and Company announced the sale of 224 lots on the east side of Bellona Avenue, known as Ruxton Heights. The area was able to boast not only its proximity to the railroad, but also nearby Lake Roland and L'Hirondelle Club, the country club located on the shore of the lake.

The dwelling is located on a hill with a circular drive above Woodbrook Lane. Set on a solid brick foundation, the house rises two-and-a-half stories in height and features Flemish bond brick construction. The main block of the dwelling is three-bays wide with flanking two-story, one-bay wide wings. The centered entry is recessed and consists of a six-panel, single-leaf door, a multi-light leaded glass transom, and a paneled recess and soffit. Five 6/6 windows, all with gauged lintels, stone sills, molded wood surrounds, and operable louvered shutters, pierce the façade or northeast elevation. Two hipped dormers, with eight-light vinyl replacement casement windows, rise above the roof of the main block. Architectural detailing on the main block includes a boxed wood cornice with modillions, raised brick quoins, and two interior brick Flemish bond chimneys with slightly corbeled caps and chimney pots. The hipped roof of the main block and side wings is clad in slate tiles. The wings, like the main block, are constructed of Flemish bond and are pierced at the second story by circular, multi-light windows. A stucco-enclosed entry, set at the juncture of the main block and the easternmost wing, contains a six-panel, single-leaf door. On the southwest elevation of the house, there is a large Palladian window set above the rear entrance. There is a circa 1924 garage and a non-historic shed on the property.

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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The garage is contemporary to the dwelling and is constructed of Flemish bond brick. One-story in height and one-bay in width, the garage features a hipped, slate tile roof and a metal-paneled roll-up door with a square-edged wood surround.

There is also a 1980s prefabricated metal shed. Set on a poured concrete foundation, the shed has a standing seam metal front gable roof and double-leaf sliding metal doors.

¹ Although an interior survey was not completed, local history indicates that the mantels and cornice were transported from Bath Maine and that the railings were salvaged from an 1890s ship, the Shenandoah.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1924 ca.

Architect/Builder Unknown

Construction dates 1924 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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² Neal A. Brooks and Eric G. Rockel, A History of Baltimore County, (Towson, MD: Friends of the Towson Library, Inc., 1979), p. 297.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1.33 Acres
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name Cockeysville Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The dwelling is located at 211 Woodbrook Lane in the Ninth District of Baltimore County. It has been associated with Tax Map 79, Parcel 152 since its construction circa 1924.

11. Form Prepared by

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8308 THORNTON ROAD
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BA-1161
1812 LANDRALE ROAD
BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0023
8007 WHITE MANOR DRIVE
BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0816
1901 WEST JOPPA ROAD
RIDERWOOD, BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2141
1006 WEST JOPPA ROAD
BALTIMORE
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2359
1000 WEST JOPPA ROAD
BALTIMORE
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2425
1517 WEST JOPPA ROAD
BALTIMORE
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BA-1775
1400 WALWUT HILL LANE
BALTIMORE
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2140
7106 SHERWOOD AVENUE
BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2360
1500 OLD ORCHARD LANE
BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2202
2004 RUXTON ROAD
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BA-2203
2008 RUXTON ROAD
BALTIMORE
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BA-2644
10145 FALLS ROAD
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BA-2356
14 MEADOW ROAD
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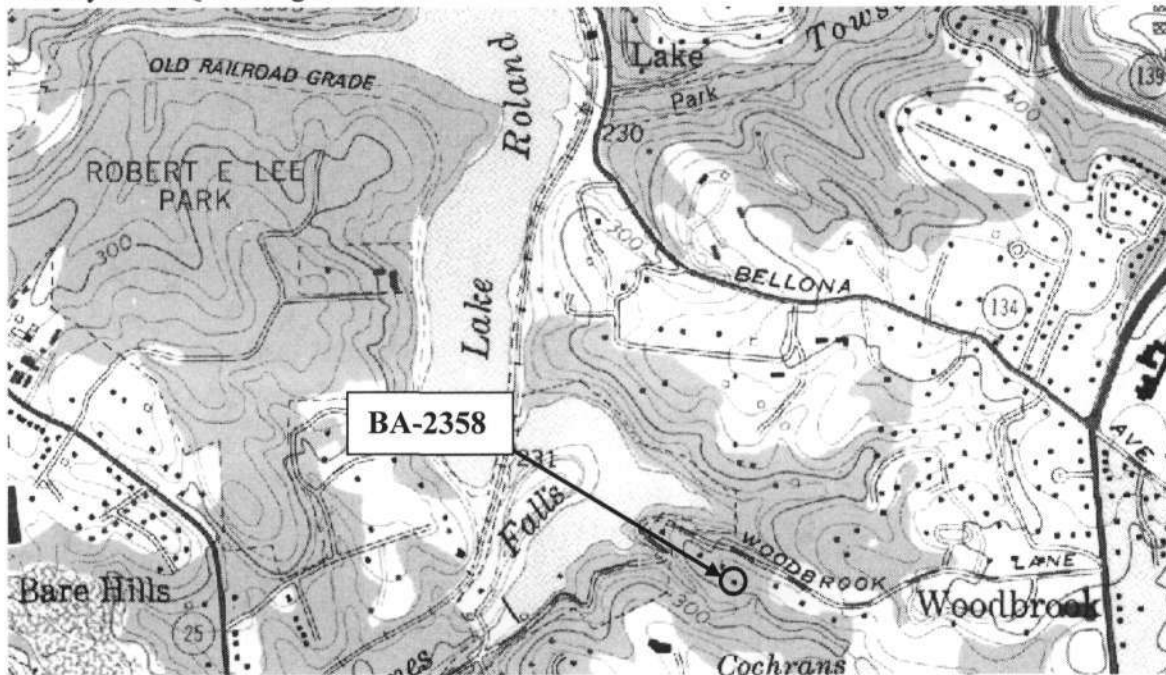
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	—————	Light-duty	—————
Medium-duty	—————	Unimproved dirt	=====

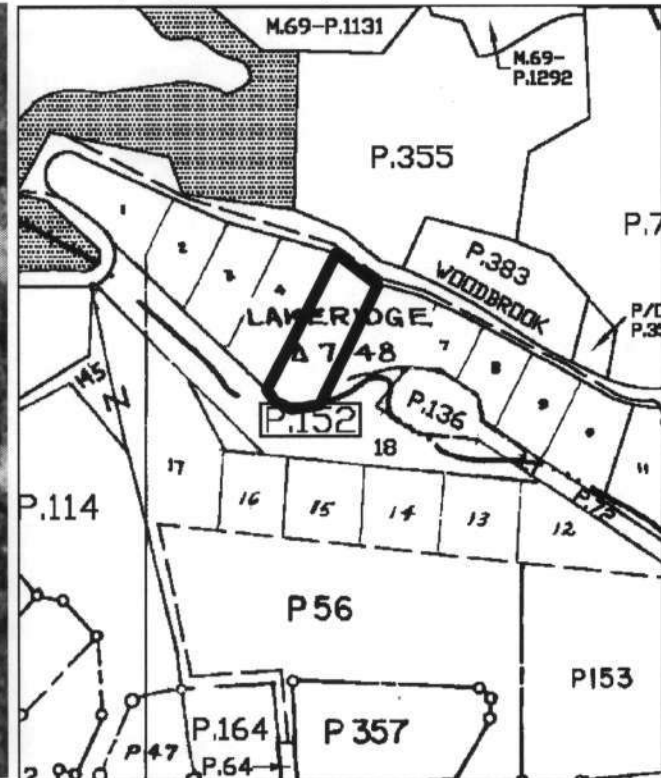
○ Interstate Route ◻ U. S. Route ○ State Route

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Zink House
211 Woodbrook Lane, Govans
Cockeysville Quadrangle



Google Earth image, c. 2007

Tax Map 79, parcel 152, Lot 5





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SOUTHWEST ELEVATION

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TRACERIES

APRIL 2001

MD SHPO

SOUTH CORNER

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ZINK HOUSE - 1924 - 211 Woodbrook Lane, Woodbrook.
Sixty-year-old house on a ridge, incorporating cornices
and mantels brought from Bath, Maine. Also railings
salvaged from 1890 ship, the Shenandoah. On 1984
garden tour. Owners: Mr. and Mrs. John Zink.